

TOWN OF CLAVERACK

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

December 08, 2016

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Claverack, Columbia County, New York, was held at the Town Hall. #836 Rte. #217, Mellenville, New York. Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor Clifford Weigelt, who led in a moment of silence for Pearl Harbor Day, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Present:

Clifford Weigelt	Supervisor
Kathleen Cashen	Councilwoman
Stephen Hook	Councilman
Brian Keeler	Councilman
Maryanne Lee	Councilwoman
Louis LaMont	Superintendent of Highways
Robert Fitzsimmons, Jr., Esq.	Attorney for the Town
Mary J. Hoose	Town Clerk

Motion by Councilman Hook, seconded by Councilwoman Lee to accept the minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting of November 10, 2016. Carried.

Report of Highway Superintendent – Louis LaMont – Worked three nuisance storms. Making a turn-around at the end of Prach Road Extension for plow trucks.

Working on equipment to prepare for spring.

Three men have learned to run other equipment in the department. They have had 40 hours of log-in time following the rule in the Employee Manual, and are entitled to a \$.25 per hour raise. Motion by Councilman Hook, seconded by Councilwoman Lee to approve same. Carried.

Bids were opened on Monday, December 05, 2016, 1:00 at the Town Office Building for the culvert replacement on Preusser Road. One bid was received:

Old Castle Precast
151 Old Farms Road
Avon, Connecticut 06001

Bid price was \$52,500.00.

End of report.

Dog Control Officer's Report for November received and on file in Town Office for review.

Committee Reports

None received at the Town Office.

Historian Report

Jeane LaPorta, Town Historian, sent Town a proposed project for which grant funds will be utilized in 2017. The project includes a storage unit for documents and relevant materials, archival boxes for photographs and historic documents, Lenova lap top and software and continuing education. The grant would cover \$500.00 and the Historian stipend from the Town would cover the balance of \$508.99.

Correspondence

Including, but not limited to:

HLPI, Inc. – AT & T Mobility Business Proposal
Tiffany Martin Hamilton, Mayor, City of Hudson – Additional part-time patrol by the junior/senior high school campus
Judith Zink – Resignation from Planning Board
Donna Davey – Re: Expansion of airport
Columbia-Greene Humane Society – 2017 contract
NYS Department of Public Service – Re: Energy costs
Holly Tanner, Columbia County Clerk – Re: K. I. S. S. – Shredding Program – 12/05/2016 – 12/16/2016
NYSEG – Re: Natural gas safety
David Baylen – Re: Mid-Hudson Cable – fiber optic cable
James Miller – Re: Snow plowing on Sunday, November 20th
NYS Comptroller's Office – Webinar – December 15th – Annual Financial Reporting Requirements
Katy Cashen – e-mail – Joe Singleton's resignation from Planning Board
Brian Keeler – e-mail – Re: ADA Bathroom drawing with specs

Supervisor's Report

Request from Theresa at the payroll office for address list for all employees including, names, addresses and social security numbers.

County is moving ahead with sewer lines and updating water lines along Rte. #66 to Commerce Park. This will also benefit Town of Claverack. Should be completed by June of 2019. There has been some discussion on size of pipes, whether they should be 6" or 8" coming up Rte. #66. There is also discussion on a County-wide water district.

Town will be setting up a committee to look into a hamlet sewer district.

Town will be setting up date to look at cafeteria area of former Ockawamick School building.

Town Board Member Reports

Councilwoman Lee – Attended online webinar on Effective Fund Balance Policy, sponsored by Division of Local Government and School Accountability on November 16th.

On November 18th interviewed candidate James Trapp for Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer position. Was hired for interim position beginning in January 2017. Dennis Callahan, Code Enforcement Officer has agreed to stay on until end of December.

Participated in Town Court Audit on November 28th.

On November 28th, contacted David Fingar from Mid-Hudson Cablevision regarding Rte. #23 and Old Barrington Road. He stated they are out working every day, have a section completed and will be marketing it this week. Other sections will follow as quickly as possible.

Continued to review healthcare compensation for employees and will continue to look at alternate options, what makes sense financially for the Town, its' taxpayers and how best to offset cost of employee healthcare.

Have been researching ADA compliant restrooms for current Town Hall/Town Court building. Spoke to interim building inspector, who has agreed to assist.

Along with Councilman Hook, met with Town Clerk and Deputy Clerk on December 2nd and on December 5th, with Councilman Hook, met with interim Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer.

On December 7th, attended a Training Seminar for Local Officials on Understanding the Budget Process, Budget Status Report and Financial Condition Analysis, sponsored by the Office of New York State Comptroller (Division of Local Government and School Accountability) in Clifton Park.

A Meeting has been scheduled for December 14th with our client from Hudson Valley HR Group. Councilman Hook, Sue Meddoff and I are planning to attend.

Councilman Keeler – Has received more complaints on speeding on Stonemill Road. Has been impossible to get message to director of Brookwood.

Question whether there has been any response regarding the AED. Paperwork given to doctor at hospital quite a while ago. Will check with contact person involved in assisting in setting these up.

Councilwoman Cashen – Attended Planning Board meeting as liaison from Board.

Responded to questions regarding Mid-Hudson Cablevision expansion of services in Town and also snowplowing.

Followed up with Verizon representatives regarding payments on antennas on Town water tower.

Attended Connect Columbia Broadband Meeting as Claverack's representative.

Requested Town bookkeeper send information to Greenway Agency for reimbursement of grant for Town zoning update.

Worked with webmaster to update items on Town website.

Attended fund balance webinar, sponsored by NYS Comptroller's Office.

No further reports

Motion by Councilman Keeler, seconded by Councilman Hook for resolution to pay all 2016 bills covering goods and service as received and prepare any and all budget transfers as necessary. Carried.

Motion by Councilman Hook, seconded by Councilman Keeler to reimburse employees participating in health insurance program, a total of \$600.00 per single policy or \$1,200.00 per two person or family policy. This is retroactive to the inception date of present policy, which is September 01, 2016 and runs through August 31, 2017, with proof of payment to be turned in to Town Office. Carried.

Motion by Councilman Hook, seconded by Councilwoman Cashen to accept required examination of the Town Court of the Town of Claverack for the Years 2015 and 2016. Carried.

Motion by Councilman Keeler, seconded by Councilwoman Lee to accept draft January – October 2016. Draft January – November 2016, draft November 2016 financial reports. Carried

Motion by Councilwoman Cashen, seconded by Councilman Hook to cancel December workshop. Carried.

Motion by Councilman Hook, seconded by Councilman Keeler to set 2017 Organizational Meeting for January 03, 2017, 6:00 p.m. at the Claverack Town Office Building. Carried.

Motion by Councilwoman Cashen, seconded by Councilman Keeler, to set public hearing for West Ghent Fire District and Churchtown Fire District for January 12, 2017 – 7:00 P.M., followed by the Regular Monthly Meeting. Carried.

Motion by Councilman Hook, seconded by Councilwoman Cashen to appoint Roger Case as ZBA member to fill open position. Carried, with Councilman Keeler and Councilwoman Lee recusing. ZBA terms are now 5 years instead of 7 years, due to decrease of members from 7 members to 5 members. These new terms will be set up by Attorney Fitzsimmons.

Motion by Councilman Hook, seconded by Councilman Keeler to approve work by S & F Communications on the office telephone services, not to exceed \$500.00. Carried.

Motion by Councilman Hook, seconded by Councilwoman Lee for resolution to accept bid for box culvert to Old Castle Precast for \$52,500.00. Carried.

Meeting opened to public:

Brennan Keeler – Status of fire district boundaries. The Board will be working on this a bfter the first of the year.

Ian Nitschke – Re: Daffodil Project. Would like Town buildings to be part of this and pay for some bulbs.

No further questions or comments.

General A bills, totaling \$10,739.07, were audited and ordered paid from their accounts.

General B bills, totaling \$2,417.63, were audited and ordered paid from their accounts.

Highway DB bills, totaling \$43,236.76, were audited and ordered paid from their accounts.

Water District A bills, totaling \$578.97, were audited and ordered paid from the account.

There were no Highway DA bills.

There were no Escrow Account bills.

There being no further business to be brought before the Board, on motion by Councilman Hook, seconded by Councilman Keeler, meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Date: _____

Supervisor: _____

Councilwoman Cashen: _____

Councilman Hook: _____

Councilman Keeler: _____

Councilwoman Lee: _____

Town Clerk: _____

